

**Virginia Department of Health  
Pandemic Influenza Monthly Activity Report  
February 4, 2008**

**WORLDWIDE UPDATE**

- The cumulative number of confirmed human cases of avian influenza A/(H5N1) confirmed by the World Health Organization is now 357, including 225 deaths (63 percent). Seventeen new cases have been confirmed in January 2008 from the following four countries: Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan and Vietnam. This is the first time human disease has been confirmed from Pakistan; Myanmar saw its first case in December. While the exposure history of some cases remains under investigation, most cases continue to be associated with exposure to sick or dead poultry, poultry markets or chicken slaughter houses.

**VDH ACTIVITIES – Central Office**

- VDH has established a "Promising Practices" web page on its PanFlu web site. We are soliciting those local practices that have borne good results and that might be of value to other communities. The site is located at: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/PandemicFlu/PromisingPractices.asp>. The page directs readers to submit documents via email to: [EPQuestion@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:EPQuestion@vdh.virginia.gov). Entries will be reviewed and those that are appropriate will be posted to the site. All are encouraged to visit the site regularly.
- Federal review of State PanFlu Plan resulted in "Few Findings". Plan undergoing comprehensive review.
- VDH's PanFlu video is now posted for viewing at: <http://www.youtube.com/virginiagovernment>.
- Health Districts and EP&R Regions continue community outreach and coordinated PanFlu planning (refer to following VDH Pandemic Flu Activities Progress Report).

**VDH ACTIVITIES – Regional Reports**

- **Central Region**
  - Regional PIO developed a risk and crisis communications training program, including a PanFlu scenario, training the Richmond City Health Department employees using the training module.
  - Regional PIO participated in Health Alert Network (HAN) training, which gave more preparation in getting immediate information related to PanFlu and in relaying it to the media and public during an emergency.
  - Regional Trainer delivered a HAN system overview to the Region's Media Council and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) coordinators. This presentation is beneficial to internal and external VDH partners as it provides essential information about HAN and how it will be utilized during a PanFlu outbreak.
  - HAN Collaborator training was successfully completed in the Region's Henrico, Thomas Jefferson Chickahominy and Southside health departments.
  - Regional Trainer assisted in conducting National Incident Management System (NIMS) (IS700) training to Office of Drinking Water employees. NIMS training provides essential information on incident management practices that would be used during a PanFlu outbreak.
  - Director of Planning, Operations & Logistics, Communications Manager, Regional Planner and Regional Public Information Office representatives met with the editor of

- the Richmond Times-Dispatch to obtain the newspaper's support in publishing a supplement in the event of emergencies, along with other articles associated with public emergency preparedness and response. The newspaper was very supportive. Collaboration is on-going.
- Regional Team is developing an Epidemiological Incident Command System (ICS) Table Top Exercise to be delivered to Henrico Health Department employees on March 7. This training will provide a better understanding of incident management practices that would be used by the Epidemiological staff during a PanFlu outbreak. As planned, this Epidemiological Incident Command Table Top Exercise is designed to be used state-wide with VDH Epidemiological staff, following this initial presentation, to provide greater familiarity with the use of the ICS structure as it relates to epidemiological activities.
  - **Southwest Region**
    - Regional Trainer and Planner participated in the Near SW Preparedness Alliance Hospital Day at the Salem Civic Center in Salem, Va. Several hospitals, pre-hospital agencies and other assorted support and governmental agencies also attended the workshop, which allowed hospitals and other agencies to ask questions and be briefed on all aspects of emergency planning and response.
    - Regional Trainer participated in a planning meeting for a PanFlu workshop in the Central Shenandoah Health District and a Chempack exercise in the Roanoke Valley. This planning and subsequent training will be beneficial in the event of an outbreak of avian influenza.
    - Regional Epidemiologist made a presentation, which included PanFlu activities and emergency PanFlu planning activities, to the Jefferson College of Health Sciences.
    - PIO attended several workshops and program planning activities aimed at informing the public during emergencies which include and avian influenza outbreak.
    - Regional PIO presented a program to Virginia Tech on crisis communications during a meeting of the Association of Business Communicators.
    - Regional PIO attended two meetings of the New River Health District Regional Emergency Planning Coalition.

## **VDH ACTIVITIES – Health District Reports**

- **Alexandria**
  - Mayor's PanFlu Working Group approved second interim report/plan for distribution and sent to City Council.
  - Tested ability to send telephone alert to all staff providing emergency updates, if necessary, during a pandemic.
  - Conducted drill to test ability to distribute vaccine to special medical needs population.
  - Met with school system to continue work on schools' pandemic plans.
  - Conducted pandemic-related training with child care workers from City Office of Early Childhood Development.
  - Continued planning with City Emergency Management for a fatality drill in February 2008.
  - Updated Pandemic plan on the web site making more it consumer-focused.
  - Posted PanFlu video on web site.
  - Met with City's Economic Opportunity Council to discuss at-risk people-related economic factors.

- Began work with Public Health graduate student to engage the religious community in PanFlu preparedness and response.
- **Arlington**
  - PanFlu brochures have been delivered to private medical offices. Movie and metro ads continue to run.
  - District has received support from the Arlington Circuit Court to craft training for the local court system on quarantine and isolation. The training will include law enforcement. This training will be scheduled to occur March or April.
  - The Communicable Disease Bureau and PanFlu Coordinator are working with the Virginia Hospital Center to partner on a mask fitting program for private medical officers. The goal of the program is to train medical office staff to provide mask fitting and empower them to continue to manage mask fitting independently. Funding for initial mask purchases is to be discussed.
  - Completed proposal in which two congregations in the faith-based organization community would serve as models to write their PanFlu preparedness plans with assistance from the District. These plans could then be shared with other congregations and serve as motivators. In addition, District is recruiting MRC volunteers to form an expert/consultants group that could provide some plans writing assistance to congregations. An expert faith-based plan writer has been found in suburban Maryland and is willing to provide some preliminary advice, already providing a comprehensive report and notes from his presentation at a national faith-based conference. This will be coordinated with Arlington Interfaith.
  - BizLaunch editing is still in progress with a review of work so far to occur with some experts outside of the District. Additional edits will then be requested as needed.
  - The concept to compile a DVD that includes public health emergency materials in languages other than English and Spanish is in progress. Translations of the PanFlu brochure are now available in Amharic, Arabic, French, Chinese and Vietnamese. Graphic designer to give a proposal in which translations will be arranged into one-page documents that could be easily reproduced. Other materials for the DVD will be identified on credible websites including CDC, VDH, etc. This will provide a readily accessible resource to our LEP population provided through community-based organizations, libraries, and medical offices.
- **Central Shenandoah**
  - Director, Planner and Epidemiological Nurse met with Mary Baldwin College representative to discuss PanFlu Planning, emergency response plans and possible mutual aid agreement with the District.
  - Planner met with Augusta and Rockbridge Counties' Area Local Emergency Planning Councils (LEPCs). Discussed PanFlu flu and other planning initiatives.
  - Planner met with Bridgewater College to discuss PanFlu plan and how to set up their health center during a public health emergency to dispense medication to their students, staff and staff family members as a result of our PUSH MOU with them.
  - Planner continues to work with other District partners on the PUSH MOU.
  - Planner continues to work with Lord Fairfax Planner, VDH Training Division and James Madison University to put together a Spring Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) PanFlu Resource Planning Workshop. We intend to invite organizations from both Central Shenandoah and Lord Fairfax Districts to discuss planning issues.
- **Central Virginia**

- The District EPI and Planner attended ICS 400 Train the Trainer; this training will enhance the districts ability to respond during a pandemic.
- **Chesapeake**
  - Conducted Quarterly PanFlu Task Force Meeting at the Chesapeake Health Department's offices. Planner and various city officials addressed the following topics: completion of the individual Continuity of Operation plans (COOP) by city departments and plans for Pan-Flu-related community outreach projects.
  - PanFlu Administrative Assistant surveyed current respiratory protection hygiene stations for utilization status and is working on creating additional PanFlu brochures to supplement stations.
  - Projects under development include: City-wide Business Continuity Seminar, expanded PanFlu Tool Kit and updated District COOP.
  - PanFlu Administrative Assistant is developing a Middle School PanFlu Poster Contest with conceptual information provided by the Virginia Beach Planner.
  - Pursuing a collaborative project with City of Chesapeake's Office of Emergency Management for a community alerting system to notify citizens and city employees of PanFlu and other emergencies.
- **Chesterfield**
  - Planner, Epidemiologist, PanFlu Coordinator and additional emergency preparedness staff have begun planning efforts for a District PanFlu summit to be held in the spring. The Central Region PIO attended the most recent planning meeting and will be providing assistance.
  - Planner participated in a health fair at a local middle school, which benefited three local schools. Several school health nurses emphasized the importance of hand washing using the Glo Germ, while the planner and coordinator conducted a PanFlu game based on information contained on their display. Participants also received PanFlu literature.
  - Planner met with representatives from Colonial Heights and Powhatan public schools regarding their PanFlu planning process, during which materials and guidance were provided.
- **Chickahominy**
  - PanFlu information presented to New Kent County University, a county program to teach citizens about county government/agency services. PanFlu planning template and presentation given to Seton House Group Home in New Kent County; Hand washing class given with MR residents who gave return demonstrations. PanFlu Coordinator and Planner met with New Kent County Cumberland Hospital's administrative staff to refine PanFlu Plan and discuss fit testing for staff.
  - PanFlu and infection control information presented to both parents and children of Families and Schools Together Program in Charles City County.
  - Hand washing class given to children in Head Start class in Charles City County.
  - Charles City County newspaper printed District's PanFlu flier in newspaper.
  - Ongoing coordination with PanFlu Coordinator at Charles City Schools on PanFlu plan and school closure triggers. Schools are surveying student population to determine how many have computer access in the event of a pandemic; PanFlu plan completed and Superintendent reviewing.
  - PanFlu information distributed to attendees of ServSafe Employees class in Hanover County. PanFlu information distributed to DSS facility in Hanover County. PanFlu Coordinator and Planner met with Hanover School Health Services Coordinator and

- Director of Security and Hearing Officer to discuss NIMS compliance and PanFlu table top exercise.
- PanFlu Coordinator taught PanFlu and Infection Control class for Alternative Day Care residents and staff; taught staff and physicians at Hanover Family Physicians and residents and staff of Grace Haven Home for teens; and, conducted PPE class for Chesterfield's MRC members;
  - PanFlu Coordinator and Planner attended Peumensand Jail Pandemic table top exercise as evaluators for the exercise
  - PanFlu Coordinator taught PanFlu for Public Health Class for Bon Secour's Nursing school students.
  - PanFlu information distributed in 173 boxes of food sent out to recipients of Christmas Mother Program in Goochland County. PanFlu Coordinator, Planner, Director and Supervisor of Goochland Health Dept. met with Goochland County Schools' Superintendent to discuss continuing PanFlu plan for schools.
  - **Crater**
    - Disseminated PanFlu information to local Boy Scout Troop Masters and will make a presentation to the group on February 4.
    - Recruitment for the Crater PanFlu Coordinator ended; interviews will be set up for the first week of February.
    - PanFlu and personal preparedness information was distributed to a Petersburg area church.
    - Emergency Managers in the District were given information regarding a PanFlu toolbox for use in locality specific planning.
    - Planner attended Petersburg PanFlu meeting, which focused on continued efforts to write the local plan.
  - **Cumberland Plateau**
    - District staff completed a Drive-Thru Vaccination Exercise (SVCC FluEx'08)) using a PanFlu scenario utilizing a drive-thru and two walk-in point of dispensing (POD) clinics at Southwest Virginia Community College. Adult exercise participants received free influenza vaccine. The diverse population included college students, local residents, construction workers, people for whom English is their second language and children, for a total of 33 drive-thru and about 90 walk-in participants in a four-hour period. Planner distributed a pre-activity press release announcing the exercise and the area media assisted with much publicity of the SVCC FluEx'08 both pre- and post-exercise.
    - District staff completed a POD Exercise (AT&T FluEx'07)) using a PanFlu scenario to deliver flu vaccine to employees at a local call center. Planner and PanFlu Coordinator, as well as a nurse and clerk, were mobilized to the location to dispense free influenza vaccine to 67 participants.
    - PanFlu Coordinator presented PanFlu programs to two area civic groups.
    - PanFlu Coordinator developed and distributed a letter to area elementary schools offering a program on emergency preparedness and PanFlu awareness for elementary school-aged children.
    - Planner continued working with and provided training to 53 attendees of the Russell County School System, Russell County Emergency Management, emergency medical services and local fire departments to develop a LEPC that incorporates PanFlu considerations as part of the Priority Projects.

- PanFlu Coordinator and Planner participated in the Buchanan County School System Safety Committee while working on incorporating a PanFlu plan into their safety plan (in development) as part of the Priority Projects.
- PanFlu Coordinator and Planner began working with the Dickenson County School System on developing their safety plan and incorporating a PanFlu plan within that safety plan as part of the Priority Projects.
- PanFlu Coordinator distributed a press release to area media to assist with acquiring area PanFlu stories and is currently working with the Planner and Epidemiologist on securing those stories as requested by the CDC.
- As a part of the PanFlu Story search, WYCB Channel 5 TV of Bristol, VA/TN interviewed the Director and PanFlu Coordinator for a story on PanFlu that was reported on their nightly newscast.
- Epidemiologist, Planner and PanFlu Coordinator have been meeting to determine priority items for purchase to meet the 2008 budgetary requirements.
- Director, Epidemiologist and Nurse Director participated in a teleconference planning meeting to begin the process of planning for the 2008 Flu Clues Programs for area schools.
- **Eastern Shore**
  - Glo-Germ Hand Awareness Programs were presented to students in grades Pre-K through five at two elementary schools.
  - Educator submitted “Resolve to Be Ready in 2008” to two local newspapers. The article discusses immunization and preparing emergency supply kits.
  - Educator is conducting research into PanFlu programs with a school closure plan. A tabletop exercise will be developed and implemented from this research.
  - Educator participated in the Mental Health Aspects of Pandemic Preparedness Webinar.
  - Developed and distributed 170 Newsletters to MRC Volunteers including current status of PanFlu planning and avian influenza.
  - Developed “School Action Kit” for PanFlu school closure meeting
  - Developed training calendar and manual for MRC Volunteers including PanFlu training.
- **Fairfax**
  - The Pan Flu team presented pan flu preparedness information to the following community based agencies:
    - ❖ Saint Anthony Catholic Church, Falls Church.
    - ❖ Korean Presbyterian Church of Vienna.
    - ❖ The Herndon Senior Center with Chinese, Farsi & Latino population
    - ❖ The Home Stretch community in Falls Church serving various ethnic populations- African, Vietnamese, Afghanistan, and Farsi speaking.
    - ❖ The Korean American Senior Association of Vienna
    - ❖ Somali Family Care Network in Fairfax.
    - ❖ Sacramento Neighborhood Center, which serves Latino and African Immigrants, South County.
    - ❖ Day-laborer Neighborhood Resource Center in Annandale.
    - ❖ English as a second language class (ESL) at the Herndon Neighborhood Resources Center.
    - ❖ Vietnamese community at the James Lee Center.
    - ❖ Pimmit Hills Alternative High School in Falls Church, VA

- Represented Health Department at the organizational committee meeting for Western Fairfax Community Day to be held on April 19, 2008.
- Pan Flu outreach team met with County Human Services Regional Directors to discuss strategic approaches for outreach.
- Multicultural Advisory Council (MAC), which will serve as a critical link to The Health Department invited local media for the launching of the newly created the ethnic communities and a vehicle for all agency outreach efforts. Members of the Council are leaders of the major ethnic groups in the County. Currently the PanFlu outreach team is working with the Council to provide pandemic influenza preparedness education to specific language communities throughout Fairfax County. There was participation by the following media outlets:
  - ❖ El Tiempo Latino
  - ❖ Washington Hispanic Newspaper
  - ❖ Korean Times
  - ❖ Korean Daily
  - ❖ Chinese Newspaper
  - ❖ Muslim Link newspaper
  - ❖ WTOP Radio
  - ❖ Fairfax Times
- The PanFlu team presented PanFlu information to the following Seniors Centers:
  - ❖ The Pimmit Senior Center - over 120 Chinese present.
  - ❖ Korean Senior Center - over 100 Korean present.
  - ❖ Wakefield Senior Center - 25 Hispanic/Latino present.
- PanFlu team met with County Human Services Region 2 Manager to discuss strategic approaches for outreach.
- PanFlu outreach team made numerous contacts with community based organizations and government agencies and scheduled several outreach opportunities for the first quarter in 2008.
- **Hampton**
  - Planner is part of the City of Hampton Executive Committee for Safety and has presented PanFlu response as part of this working group.
  - Planner met with following City of Hampton representatives to discuss PanFlu preparation: Public Works, Police, Fire/EMS, City Attorney, Risk Management and Sheriff's Office.
  - Planner working with City Attorney's office looking at issues involving Isolation and Quarantine.
  - Planner and Director met with Superintendent for school to discuss the school plan and closing of schools during a pandemic.
- **Henrico**
  - Henrico PanFlu coordinator completed arrangements to provide training to a local church of more 10,000 members.
  - PanFlu Coordinator conducted a two-day training session for Virginia Adult and Pediatric Asthma Care.
  - PanFlu coordinator conducted training sessions for the general public at local care a van clinic site.
  - ESF/8 group will meet next month to continue discussions on the finalization of the county's PanFlu plan and other pertinent matters.
  - District Epidemiologist sent weekly avian influenza updates via email to community partners.

- Planner and Director continued to work with Henrico County officials and an architectural firm on the plans for a Henrico County contingency quarantine facility.
- Henrico Health District sent monthly Public Health Bytes newsletter (which includes a Pandemic/Avian Flu update) to local healthcare facilities, medical providers, schools, first responders, county officials, and other interested parties.
- **Lenowisco**
  - Staged a joint drive-thru and walk-in dispensing clinic drill (FluEx08) at two local community colleges with the Cumberland Plateau Health District. The general public was offered free influenza vaccine. The Districts demonstrated an all-weather dispensing capability, mobilized on relatively short notice. At Mountain Empire Community College in the District, 84 people participated in drill during the four and a half hours of operation. The two drive-thru dispensing stations served 37 individuals, with up to three vehicles in the queue at one time. Registration forms and Vaccine Information Statements were available in both English and Spanish.
  - PanFlu Coordinator and Epidemiologist provided estimates of types and quantities of supplies and items that would be needed for mild and severe pandemic scenarios, for the Crisis Management Team of the University of Virginia's College at Wise.
  - PanFlu Coordinator provided CDC PanFlu Planning Checklists for Correctional Facilities to representatives from the two state prisons in the district. PanFlu Coordinator also provided CDC PanFlu Planning Checklist for Law Enforcement to a representative of the Wise County Sheriff's Department.
  - PanFlu Coordinator developed estimated counts for local vaccine target groups, for inclusion in PanFlu Plan annex to District EOP.
  - Conducted second round vaccination for schools' "flu's clues" project in Wise County.
  - Health Educator distributed over 100 PanFlu brochures at drive-thru clinic and other events.
  - Epidemiologist and Business Manager met to discuss priority items for purchase to meet the 2008 budgetary requirements.
  - Director, Epidemiologist and Nurse Manager participated in a teleconference planning meeting to begin the process of planning for the 2008 Flu Clues Project for area schools.
- **Lord Fairfax**
  - Planner drafted the After-Action Report for the PanFlu exercise held at Page Memorial Hospital in Luray.
  - Planner reviewed and commented on the Valley Health Corporate PanFlu response plan.
  - Planner gave a presentation on PanFlu to the Frederick County Department of Social Services.
  - Planner reviewed the Frederick County Department of Social Services PanFlu plan and COOP.
  - Planner began working on a joint workshop with Central Shenandoah Health District and James Madison University for PanFlu response and critical resource and logistics distribution.
  - Planner provided a PanFlu planning update to the Northern Shenandoah Valley Emergency Management Team in Front Royal.
- **Loudoun**
  - Provided PanFlu presentations to: the Sterling Silver Seniors Club in Cascades, Loudoun County MRC in Leesburg, Northern VA Criminal Justice Training



- Academy, Purcellville and Cascades libraries, parents and students of St. Theresa School in Ashburn. Scheduled other presentations for Lovettsville, Sterling, Ashburn and Middleburg libraries, VA Regional Transit Company, management and staff of The Business Bank in Sterling and directors of ten Loudoun community centers.
- Displayed the Loudoun PanFlu tabletop exhibit at the Leesburg Senior Center and the Ida Lee Recreation Center in Leesburg, the Leisure World independent living facility in Lansdowne, the Carver Senior Center in Purcellville, and the Cascades Village Retirement Community, for one week at each site.
  - Conducted a joint Wal-Mart/District exhibit in the Sterling Wal-Mart store. Wal-Mart displayed items they sell for home PanFlu emergency kits, and the District exhibited a PanFlu booth with educational materials and a video-looped public service laptop PanFlu message. Spoke with several hundred English and Spanish-speaking shoppers, in their respective languages, about PanFlu preparedness. Promoted by the Loudoun County Public Information Office through their web site, electronic public notification system (pagers and cell phones) and news releases to local newspapers and other media.
  - Provided 100 PanFlu pamphlets developed by the District to the regional CVS Pharmacy Supervisor for placement in two Leesburg area CVS pharmacies.
  - Welcomed a health communication college intern from Radford University who will work with the PanFlu Educator this semester on redesign of the District's influenza web site.
  - Registered two manned PanFlu and MRC tabletop displays for a six-hour health fair to be sponsored on April 12 by the Claude Moore Recreation Center in Sterling.
  - Ashburn Village Homeowners Association agreed to display the PanFlu tabletop exhibit in the Ashburn Sports Pavilion in Ashburn Village.
  - Conducted the initial planning meeting for Loudoun's annual operational exercise at which it was elected to exercise a PanFlu scenario.
  - Loudoun County Public Information Office promoted the January 19 joint Health Department and Wal-Mart displays at the Sterling Wal-Mart.
  - Interviewed by the Loudoun Connections for an upcoming article on PanFlu preparedness.
- **Mount Rogers**
    - The District Director gave pandemic flu presentations to a group of church leaders in the Washington County area and to the quarterly meeting of the SW VA School Nurses' Association.
    - MRC Coordinator presented program on emergency preparedness and MRC volunteerism to Carroll County School Nurses. Provided the nurses with emergency preparedness information, pandemic flu information, and MRC information. Approximately 15 school nurses attended. An additional workshop is scheduled March 18 to discuss isolation and quarantine issues.
    - Emergency Planner and MRC Coordinator participated in the Mountain Empire MRSA Seminar, co-sponsored by VDH (Lenowisco and Cumberland Plateau) and the TN Dept. of Health. The Southwest Virginia MRC provided information on numerous topics, including Pandemic Influenza. Pandemic Influenza was also discussed during the seminar. Dr. Novak was Virginia's keynote speaker. Approximately 218 teachers, nurses, administrators, day care providers, etc. attended the seminar.
    - Emergency Planner met with the Wythe County Local Emergency Planning Committee and provided information on Pandemic Influenza and MRSA. Working

with the local emergency manager to schedule pandemic influenza and MRSA prevention/detection workshops for day care providers in Wythe County.

- **New River**

- District Director, Infection Control Nurse, District Epidemiologist, District Planner continue taking every opportunity to communicate Pandemic Flu preparedness to public agencies, private business, civic groups, and faith organizations.
- District Director, Nurse Managers, Infection Control Nurse, Epidemiologist, and Planner convened meeting with Superintendents of each school system to discuss a school closure process template and also revisited status of pandemic flu preparedness planning. Following a comment period to not only address individual concerns of each school system, but also with over bridging for regional considerations, another meeting will be scheduled to finalize the project.
- The District IC Nurse and Epidemiologist are monitoring the increased number of flu cases being reported. The Southwest Regional PIO is being updated with this information.

- **Norfolk**

- Health Promotions made presentations to 2 local Civic Leagues on Pandemic Influenza preparedness and planning. PanFlu kits and DVDs were distributed to participants.
- Emergency Planner attended Eastern Virginia Medical School Pandemic Influenza Ad Hoc Planning Committee meeting.
- Planner and Health Director discussed Pandemic Influenza Preparedness practices for children at the Norfolk Public School Healthcare Committee meeting. Good hand washing and other preventative practices were emphasized, with the possibility (and consequences) of school/daycare closings discussed.

- **Peninsula**

- Planner continues to provide daily PanFlu updates from Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) to key players at each acute care facility, the military clinics and the emergency managers.
- Navy Environmental & Preventive Medicine Unit 2 reports (approximately weekly) are provided to emergency managers, Acute Care facilities, Nursing Facilities and VOAD service organizations.

- **Piedmont**

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- **Pittsylvania Danville**
  - PanFlu Educator provided PanFlu programs and importance of personal protection equipment (PPE) during a pandemic to the following first-responder groups: Gretna Rescue Squad, Blairs Fire and Rescue, Danville Regional One EMS, Danville Life Saving Crew and Tunstall Volunteer Fire and Rescue.
  - PanFlu Educator presented PanFlu programs and material to: Stratford Rehabilitation Center and Resource Mothers Program.
  - PanFlu Educator, Planner and Epidemiologist met with Pittsylvania County nurse coordinators to discuss and plan a new active surveillance project within the county school system. The project would establish daily reporting from the school system to the health department to monitor levels of illness within the school population. A proposal to include the school nurse coordinators in the District. Epidemiological Response Team was also discussed. A formal meeting with school administration is scheduled for February.
  - PanFlu Educator delivered pamphlets on “Seasonal Flu, Pandemic Flu, and Bird Flu,” “PanFlu and Hand Hygiene,” “Cover Your Cough Posters” and “The Proper Way to Wash Your Hands” to Centra Health to be used in their office for clients.
  - PanFlu Educator viewed webcast on “Mental Health Aspects of Pandemic Preparedness” presented by the NC Center for Public Health Preparedness.
  - PanFlu Educator and Epidemiologist watched satellite broadcast “Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: Taking Care of Business.”
  - PanFlu Educator and Epidemiologist attended PPE and Respirator Protection Program Training in Marion, Va.
  - PanFlu Educator is planning to provide future PanFlu programs including one to Danville Parks and Recreation.
- **Portsmouth**
  - The interactive, educational board on PanFlu and preparedness, which displays 12 true-or-false questions, a checklist of necessities for emergency preparation and informational brochures on PanFlu and hygiene, was moved to local libraries for the month of January and again for the month of February.
  - PanFlu Educator, Epidemiologist and Planner met to discuss funding for new ideas to increase public awareness.
  - Approximately 50 preschoolers and their teachers attended a hand washing class at a local daycare.
  - PanFlu Educator met with the PanFlu Assistant from the Chesapeake Health District to discuss future PanFlu and hygiene presentations around the area and to exchange new educational ideas.
  - “Cover Your Cough” posters were delivered to the pharmacies located in the local Wal-Mart, Farm Fresh, Food Lion, daycares and libraries.
  - Educational PanFlu presentations were given at two different nursing homes in the Portsmouth community, as well as at a local senior center.
  - PanFlu Educator created an example Emergency Preparedness Kit to take on the road for presentations.
  - PanFlu Educator wrote a PanFlu article for publication in the city’s employee newsletter.
  - Additional educational and preparedness brochures and incentives were purchased for use during educational activities.

- **Prince William**
  - Planner and Nurse Manager continued to review District's respiratory plan to determine mask fitting needs and PPE training.
  - Discussing legal issues for local PanFlu planning.
  - Planner reviewing best practices for PPE training with Portacount Fit Testing Machine.
  - Planner attended an Emergency Management Ministry Meeting to begin the planning for a briefing for the faith community. Emergency and Special Needs Planners attended the Emergency Management Ministry Summit where the faith-based community was invited to receive information regarding personal and congregational preparedness, public health information on PanFlu and mass prophylaxis.
  - Planner and Epidemiologist attended Prince William County PanFlu meeting to address PanFlu plan.
  - Planner and nurse reviewed Portacount to address training goals and objectives along with requirements for mask fit testing.
- **Rappahannock**
  - Planner conducted a PanFlu tabletop exercise at Pneumansend Creek Regional Jail.
  - Donated PanFlu DVDs to Central Rappahannock Regional Library System for "check out" from seven regional libraries.
  - District sponsored a free walk-in flu shot clinic at the King George County Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, giving 96 shots.
  - Epidemiologist and Health Educator attended the Spotsylvania County Pandemic Task Force Meeting. PanFlu materials were presented for county employee trainings with an implementation methodology.
  - Planner, Director, Epidemiologist and Health Educator attended a PIO PanFlu Subcommittee meeting. Major talking points were pre-crafted message maps for PanFlu use. Adapting these pre-crafted messages into local message maps for use by regional PIOs.
- **Rappahannock-Rapidan**
  - Health Department staff gave out Pandemic Flu and preparedness materials at five community presentations during December & January.
  - Health Department staff gave flu shots at businesses and senior centers and distributed pandemic flu and preparedness materials with the shots.
  - Health Department staff participated in a flu vaccination exercise on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. The event was held in partnership with a local business and targeted a special needs population. Pandemic Flu materials were passed out to attendees.
  - Health Department staff participated in a flu vaccination exercise on December 19<sup>th</sup> 2007. The event was held in partnership with social services and targeted a special needs population. Pandemic Flu materials were passed out to attendees.
  - Staff entered information on patients from the exercise into the CDC's CRA program
- **Richmond City**
  - PanFlu Coordinator presented PanFlu class to Richmond Fire Department's NIMS College, which included members of the Richmond Fire Department, members of the Richmond Police Department's Special Events Division (Traffic, Tactical and Homeland Security departments) and employees of Emergency Communication. PanFlu Coordinator presented PanFlu class to command staff at Richmond Sheriff's Department. Class was filmed for the purpose of training all of the sworn deputies and staff in the Sheriff's Department.

- PanFlu Coordinator met with Richmond City Schools' Health Services Coordinator to discuss PanFlu planning and education for schools.
- **Roanoke/Alleghany County**
  - Health Educator sent the new DHHS "Take the Lead" pandemic flu website link out to all contacts.
  - Educator made a presentation on pandemic flu and all hazards planning to employees of Center in the Square in Roanoke.
  - Health Educator presented a 3-part Lunch & Learn series on pandemic flu to the staff of the Western Virginia Water Authority at their 3 locations in Roanoke.
  - Health Educator set meetings to discuss media placement for pan flu education with local TV, newspaper and billboard companies.
  - Health Educator, Emergency Planners, Epidemiologist and Health Director met to discuss plans for a POD drill in September.
- **Southside**
  - Distributed 10,000 infection control booklets to the elementary and ninth grade students in Mecklenburg, Brunswick and Halifax Counties.
  - Distributed 5,000 Treating Seasonal or PanFlu at-home booklets to local doctors' offices within the District for distribution to patients with the flu or flu-like symptoms.
  - Working with the three school systems about PanFlu education for school next year.
  - Conducted a PanFlu infection control presentation for a prenatal parenting group.
  - Invited ten churches to participate as pilot churches in our "Mission Shut-In" program for a flu pandemic.
  - Scheduled a guidance meeting for a pilot shut-in team for a participating church.
  - Creating a list for additional PanFlu education materials and supplies if funds are approved.
  - Updating the Southside Emergency Contact list.
  - Working on questionnaire for Church Pilot Shut-in mission.
  - Completed a PanFlu information distribution letter for all churches in the district.
  - Have mailed or delivered 4,000 PanFlu and Infection Control handouts to 53 churches in the district for distribution to their congregations with their weekly bulletins.
- **Three Rivers**
  - Director gave Pandemic Flu presentation to King & Queen County School Nurses and other staff members.
  - Planner visited facility in King William County to determine suitability and discuss possibility use using site for 2008 mass flu vaccination exercise.
  - Planner discussed PanFlu Drive-Thru exercise with Lancaster County Emergency Manager
  - Epidemiologist gave a presentation to Rappahannock Community College custodial staff on handwashing, flu and hygiene and passed out literature on Pandemic Flu.
- **Virginia Beach**
  - Met with Virginia Beach School Administration and Student Health Services Coordinator to develop promotion and education campaign geared toward K-5 in the Virginia Beach School District. Age-specific activity booklets to be distributed to K-5 students, kindergartners and all Virginia Beach School nurses.
  - Pandemic Committee Meeting held meeting to discuss the following agenda items: Update of current PanFlu status; breakdown and notification of Phase III Pandemic Budget; review and comments of city-wide level Pandemic operational plans; and,

information on upcoming tabletop exercise, scheduled for Feb. 22, which will include various department heads throughout the City of Virginia Beach.

- **West Piedmont**

- Planner gave a presentation to the Henry-Martinsville Social Services staff, which included up-to-date statistics and how the local PanFlu group is working to educate the public, particularly through schools.
- Planner gave a presentation to the District staff, providing an overview of current PanFlu concerns and demonstrated how the COOP would be activated and implemented during a pandemic.
- Planner appeared on “Hotshots,” a weekly show sponsored by the Martinsville City Fire Department on the city’s local cable channel, to present information including current H5N1 statistics and how to prepare for a possible pandemic.
- Planner, Nursing Supervisor and Epidemiologist made a presentation to the Stone Ambulance Service staff on current H5N1 concerns and preparation for a possible pandemic.
- Epidemiologist presented PanFlu information to a Franklin County Human Resources group, which includes HR staff from the private sector.
- Epidemiologist attended Patrick County PanFlu Planning Group meeting, where topics of discussion included transportation, memorandums of agreement (MOA), and introduction of the priority project focused on helping schools plan for a pandemic.

- **Western Tidewater**

- The Suffolk Bio-terrorism Advisory Committee (BTAC) continues efforts on hazard planning and establishing preparedness plans for city agencies.
- Epidemiologist attended IOW Schools Health Advisory Committee.
- Nurse Manager, Director, and Epidemiologist attended Suffolk Schools Health Advisory Committee.
- Franklin/Southampton Pan-Flu committee continued outreach efforts and presentations to community and business groups.
- WTCSB continues work in conjunction with health department on PanFlu and coop plan.
- Epidemiologist gave PanFlu presentations to nursing facilities in district.